

# *The Issue*

## Presented in

### Prince Edward County

### Virginia

VIRGINIA has nourished and sustained American liberty in every generation. The threat to that liberty in this generation comes from the judicial decrees of Federal Judges who, in flagrant disregard of the established intent of those who framed and adopted the Constitution of the United States, in disregard of the most solemnly declared judicial precedent and without concern for the laceration of her people and the destruction of her education system are determined to sacrifice future generations of Southern white children in fulfillment of a fraudulent sociological notion that there is no biological difference between the Negro and the white race.

Prince Edward has refused to compromise with evil and to invite the corruption of the racial integrity of its children which inevitably results from intimate and prolonged association in mixed school life. They, therefore, refused to tax themselves or appropriate revenue for the support and maintenance of such schools.

As a result the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County are now before courts which are asked to compel the people of Prince Edward, under threat of fine or imprisonment, to tax themselves without their consent and against their will for the maintenance and support of schools which they conscientiously believe to be pernicious to all the children.

PRINCE EDWARD contends that under our constitutional system free men cannot be taxed "without their own consent or that of their representatives duly elected." See the Virginia Bill of Rights (Constitution of Virginia Article I, Sec. 6).

Prince Edward contends that under our constitutional system courts are not their representatives "duly elected"; that courts can exercise judicial



powers only; that the power to levy taxes and to appropriate public revenue is exclusively a legislative power which courts cannot by any lawful means compel the legislative branch to exercise. See the Virginia Bill of Rights (Constitution of Virginia Article I Sec. 5).

The people of Prince Edward County are now engaged in resistance of this latest assault upon their fundamental liberties in State and Federal courts. By decree of the United States District Court they have been denied the use of tax money as tuition grants for the education of their children until these fundamental questions of constitutional liberty have been judicially determined or until they abandon the struggle and appropriate the money necessary to operate public schools in which white and Negro children are taught together.

The people of the county labor under the financial burden of high local taxes already levied to enable all parents to educate their children in schools of their own choice. These taxes must be paid, the benefits thereof are denied. The people of the county are paying State taxes, as are all other citizens of Virginia. They are denied the benefit thereof for the education of their children.

IN 1961 they completed a new private secondary school building valued at \$400,000.00 at a net cost of \$250,000.00, largely contributed by people of Prince Edward County. Less than two weeks before the opening of the school year they suddenly found, as a result of the federal decree above mentioned, that they must finance the expense of the private education of all children of the county at a total cost of \$362,000.00.

This burden, with renewed courage and sacrifice, they have gladly undertaken in the confident faith that those who share their convictions and understand that the liberty for which Prince Edward fights are their liberties would gladly bear a part of the burden. If Prince Edward succeeds in her struggle the way will be made easier for all.

Against all these assaults upon the liberty of parents to select the environment, the associations and the schools in which the minds and spirits of their children shall be molded the people of Prince Edward

stand; with ill will toward none; calm, courageous, dignified, resolute. They claim the liberty, the freedom, the right to protect the racial purity of their children.

Every civilization in history has accorded men the right of physical self-defense of his person. Can any nation which claims that its members are free, deny parents the right to defend their children from associations which all the past experience of history and even the modern projections of sociology declare, early or late, will corrupt the racial integrity of his children ad infinitum, world without end? Can a nation which fought for its liberty under the motto "taxation without representation is tyranny" compel by judicial decree taxation without consent of the taxed?

This is the liberty for which the people of Prince Edward struggle. This is the liberty which Virginia in this generation must sustain and preserve to all the people of our beloved country.

THE PEOPLE of Prince Edward County do not believe that "the fight is lost", that "it is too late", that "integration of the races is inevitable." They believe that they fight in the cause of truth and righteousness; they have indomitable faith that both the seen and unseen hosts of truth fight at their sides; they raise no banner of hatred or bigotry; theirs is the banner of purity and integrity of race for the children of all men for this and all generations; of the liberty and freedom of men to associate, or not to associate, voluntarily, without compulsion or sanction from any quarter. She lifts the ancient standard of Virginia, the banner of truth and of liberty. The destiny and the genius of Virginia marches at her side.

Let those who hold precious the heritage of our fathers join the march at the side of Prince Edward in the faith that we may pass on to OUR children this heritage. Sustain those in the forefront of the fight for the freedom of all.

*Mail your contribution now to:*

PRINCE EDWARD SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
P. O. Box 363  
Farmville, Virginia



Prince Edward School Foundation operates private schools, serving 1327 youngsters.

A Scholarship Fund of \$200,000 is sought to maintain operation of these private schools.

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